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SWISS MEDAL OF AGASSIZ.

FRITZ LANDRY of Neufchatel, Switzerland, a pupil of the medallist Antoine Bovy, has made a die of the head of Agassiz, and medals are to be struck at Geneva. Around the head is written, "L. Agassiz, 1807–1873. On the other side, between two branches of laurel, are the words, "Viro ingenio, labore scientiæ, præstantissimo."

LINCOLN MEDALS.

Editors of the Journal of Numismatics:

THOSE of your readers who have had occasion to consult Zabriskie's Catalogue of Lincoln Medals, have probably noticed that it contains some errors, the most serious of which is in the description of the Bovy Medal, No. 9, where that part of the inscription on the reverse, which Zabriskie gives as "Emancipation of Slavery Proclamation" is, at least in all the pieces that I have seen, "Abolition of Slavery Proclaimed" : and they have probably also noticed that the list is far from complete. I give below a list of one hundred and ten Lincoln Medals not in Zabriskie, from my collection and from the collection of Mr. S. S. Crosby, which he has kindly allowed me to examine for this purpose. It will be seen that I have described seven medals new on both sides, thirty-one more new on one side, and twelve new combinations of previously described obverses and reverses, the remainder being varieties in metal. The mischievous practice of muling seems to have been carried to a greater extent than ever before. As this is a mere appendix to Mr. Zabriskie's list, I have followed his example in cataloguing the varieties in metal as separate medals, but I do not approve of the practice. The real number of medals described by Zabriskie is one hundred and nine, and the number described by me is thirty-eight, making in all one hundred and forty-seven. I hope that some of the owners of Lincoln Medals not in Zabriskie's list, or this appendix to it, will describe them, and thus assist in the compilation of a complete list, which is much to be desired.

My attention has been called to No. 2882 in the Mickley Catalogue, which seems to be the same as the Canadian Medal described by me in your last number. H. W. H.

Cambridge, Oct. 27, 1874.

188. Same as 15, but in bronze. Size 40.
189. " 24, " " " 25.
190. " 26, " brass. " 25.
191. *Ob.* same as the rev. of 19. *Rev.* same as the rev. of 28. White metal. Size 24.
192. Same as 32, but in copper. Size 24.
193. " 33, " silver. " 21.
194. " 34, " bronze. " 22.
195. " 41, " " " 22.
196. " 43, " " " 22.
197. " 44, " " " 22.
198. " 46, " " " 22.
199. *Ob.* Heads of Lincoln and Hamlin facing to the left. "Abraham Lincoln" "Hannibal Hamlin." *Rev.* "Republican candidates for president and vice president. 1860" in a wreath of oak. Dies by F. B. Smith. Silver. Size 22.
200. Same as last, but in bronze. Size 22.
201. " 47, " " " 22.
202. *Ob.* same as the obv. of 47. *Rev.* same as the obv. of 34. Silver. Size 22.
203. Same as last, but in white metal. Size 22.
204. " 55, " copper. " 20.
205. " 56, " white metal. " 20.
206. " 60, " tin. " 19.
(In the description of the rev. of 69 Zabriskie omits, I think, the two 4's one after each word "March.")
207. *Ob.* Head of Lincoln to right. "Abraham Lincoln, president of the U. S." *Rev.* "Born Feb. 12. 1809 — First Inaugn March 4th 1861 Second Inaugn March 4th 1865 — Died Apr. 15. 1865" surrounded by a circle of alternate eagles and stars. White metal. Size 19.
208. *Ob.* same as obv. of 70. The *rev.* is similar to

the rev. of 70, but has eight flags instead of six, and "1864" is on the shield below the inscription. Copper. Size 19.

209. *Ob.* same as last. *Rev.* Head of Sherman, three-quarter face. "Maj. Gen. W. T. Sherman" White metal. Size 19.

210. *Ob.* same as last. *Rev.* Head of McClellan to right. "Major General G. B. Mc Clellan 1864" Copper. Size 19.

211. Same as last, but in white metal. Size 19.

212. *Ob.* same as last. *Rev.* Head of McClellan to left, surrounded by a wreath. Overhead "Maj. Gen. Geo. B. Mc.Clellan" Copper. Size 19½.

213. Same as last, but in white metal. Size 19.

214. *Ob.* same as last. *Rev.* Urn with "A. L." on it. Above "Resurgam": and below "Died April 15 1865" White metal. Size 19.

(On the reverse of 71, there is besides the legend and stars described by Zabriskie, within the stars, "May the Union flourish", the word "Union" being written in a sort of monogram.

215. *Ob.* same as obv. of 73. *Rev.* "Made from Copper taken from the ruins of the Turpentine Works, Newbern, N. C. Destroyed by the Rebels March 14, 1862" Copper. Size 17.

216. *Ob* same as last. *Rev.* "Jos. H. Merriam, Die Sinker 18 Brattle Square Boston Medals struck in Gold Silver Copper or Tin" and a miniature representation of a gold dollar. Copper. Size 19.

217. Same as last, but in brass. Size 19.

218. Same as last, but in white metal. Size 19.

219. *Ob.* Bust of Lincoln to right. "Ab. Lincoln the Preserver of his Country", Star. *Rev.* Bust of Washington to right. "George Washington the Father of his Country", Star. Rubber. Size 20.

220. *Ob.* same as obv. of 80. *Rev.* Head of Washington to right. "Chas. K. Warner Dealer in American & Foreign Medals 728 Chestnut St. Philada:" and two stars. (This is the same I believe as the rev. of 102, which I think is imperfectly described.) Copper. Size 17.

221. *Ob.* same as last. *Rev.* "Ornamental Medal & Seal Die Sinkers &c. &c. 329 Arch St. Phila" on scrolls, with stars scattered over the field. (This rev. is the same I think as the rev. of 105, which seems imperfectly described.) Copper. Size 17.

222. Same as last, but in brass. Size 17.

223. " " white metal. Size 17.

224. *Ob.* same as last. *Rev.* same as rev. of 108. Copper. Size 17.

225. Same as 90, but in copper. Size 17.

226. Same as last, but in nickel. Size 17.

(There are many varieties of Key's Medals, 91, 92, and 104, differing principally in the clouds and rays on the reverse, but the differences are too numerous and too slight for description.)

227. *Ob.* same as obv. of 91. *Rev.* same as rev. of 105 and 221. White metal. Size 17.

228. *Ob.* same as last. *Rev.* same as rev. of 107. White metal. Size 17.

229. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Monitor, wreath and star. "Monitor. 1862" Copper. Size 17.

230. Same, but in brass. Size 17.

231. Same, but in white metal. Size 17.

232. *Ob.* same as obv. of 93. *Rev.* an eagle with a shield on its breast, and around it "United States of America" Brass. Size 17.

233. *Ob.* an eagle perching on a mortar. On a scroll in its beak, "Established A. D. 1825". *Rev.* same as rev. of 93. Copper. Size 17.

234. *Ob.* Head of Kossuth to left. "Louis Kossuth the Washington of Hungary-1852-". *Rev.* same as rev. of 93.

235. Same as 97, but in white metal. Size 18.

236. Same as 100, but in copper. (This piece was struck in several alloys ranging from apparently pure copper to brass. The inscription on the obv. is "Prasident Lincoln", not "President Lincoln" as Zabriskie has it. I hesitate to describe a German whist counter as a medal.)

(I think 101 has the head on the obv. always to the left, and not to the right as the catalogue gives it.)

237. Same as 104, but in white metal. Size 17.

238. " 106, " " " 17. (The rev. has a branch of laurel and a branch of oak crossed and tied, below the inscription.)

239. *Ob.* Head of Washington to right. "George Washington—First in war, First in Peace—and First in the Hearts of his Countrymen" *Rev.* Head of Lincoln to left. "Reverse," six stars, "Lincoln" and six more stars. Silver. Size 17.

240. *Ob.* Head of Lincoln to right, and around it Star "Abraham Lincoln" Star, "Born Feb. 12, 1809." *Rev.* Wreath, with a star between the tips. Within it a star "Free Homes for Free Men", star, "No more slave Territory"; and nearly in the middle of the field is a rose. Grey Terra Cotta. Size 17.

241. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Wreath and star, and in the wreath a section of a log fence and an axe. "Protection to Honest Industry" Terra Cotta. Size 17.

242. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* blank. Green clay. Size 17.

243. Same as 122, but in copper. Size 16.

244. " 124, " " " 16.

245. " 124, " brass. " 16.

246. " 125, " copper. " 15.

247. *Ob.* same as obv. of 126. *Rev.* Hat "James E. Wolff. No 17 Sycamore St. Petersburg, Va:" Copper. Size 16.

248. Same as last, but in white metal. Size 16.

249. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* "Chas. K. Warner. Dealer in American & Foreign Coins & Medals. 326 Chestnut St. Phila:" Copper. Size 16.

250. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Shield with two laurel branches curving round it. "National Union League of the United States 1863." Copper. Size 16.

251. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* same as rev. of 104 with the edge off. Copper. Size 16.

252. Same as last, but in brass. Size 16. (The rev. of each of the last two is badly struck.)

253. Same as 128, but in silver. Size 16.

(In the Catalogue the legends on 131 and 132 are omitted. They should read I think "For President" &c., as in 133.)

254. Same as 133, but in tin. Size 14.

255. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Head of Breckinridge to left. "For President John C. Breckinridge of Ky". Copper. Size 14.

256. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Shield "The Union must and shall be preserved." Copper. Size 14.

257. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Palm, cannon, cotton bales, rays, and stars. "No submission to the North 1860" Copper. Size 14.

258. Same in tin. Size 14.

259. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Group of growing rice, tobacco, sugar, and cotton. "The Wealth of the South. Rice Tobacco Sugar Cotton" Copper. Size 14.

260. Same in tin. Size 14.

(There were four entirely different presidential medals of this set, one for each candidate; and it will be seen that the Lincoln obverse was muled with each of the other obverses and reverses, thus making seven types with the Lincoln obverse. I presume that each type was struck in three metals.)

(138 I have not seen without a projection holding a ring.)

261. *Ob.* same as obv. of 136. *Rev.* Indian head to right, surrounded by thirteen stars. Brass. Size 14.

262. Same in white metal. Size 14.
263. *Ob.* same, struck on a large concave planchet. *Rev.* blank. White metal. Size 23.
264. *Ob.* "Old Abe" in German capitals surrounded by an ivy wreath. *Rev.* Man, woman and child all in antique costume, a flaming altar and a leafless tree. Brass. Size 14.
265. Same as 143, but in brass. Size 14.
266. " 144, but with a milled edge and projection holding a ring. Tin gilt. Size 13 x 15.

(145 has "Lewis Joy" and not "Lewis Loy" on the rev.)

267. Same as 145, but in brass. Size 12.
268. Same as 146, but in white metal. Size 12.
269. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Head of Washington to left. "Represented by Wm. Leggett Bramhall." Copper. Size 12.
270. *Ob.* same as rev. of the last described. *Rev.* same as rev. of 150. Copper. Size 12.
271. *Ob.* same as obv. of 146. *Rev.* "Robbins Royce & Hard Wholesale Dealers in Dry Goods, 70 Reade St. New York." Copper. Size 12.
272. Same, but in white metal. Size 12.
273. Same as 157, but in silver. Size 12.
274. Same, but in bronze. Size 12.
275. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Head of Washington three-quarter face. "Born Feb. 22 1732. Died Dec. 14 1799". White metal. Size 12.
276. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* same as obv. of 176. White metal. Size 12.
277. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* "Abraham Lincoln an honest man The Crisis demands his Reelection 1864" White metal. Size 12.
278. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Wreath, and within it "Born Feb. 12. 1809. Assassinated April 14, 1865." Silver. Size 12.
279. Same as 161, but in silver. Size 12.
280. " 164, " copper. Size 12.
281. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Wreath, two cannons and two stars. "No Compromise with armed Traitors" Nickel. Size 12.
282. *Ob.* same as obv. of 165. *Rev.* same as rev. of 173. Copper. Size 12.
283. Same, but in brass. Size 12.
284. Same, but in nickel. Size 12.
285. Same, but in white metal Size 12.
286. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* "S. P. Sedgwick & Co. Variety Goods, Bloomingdale Ill". Copper. Size 12.
287. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* Equestrian statue of Washington. "First in War, First in Peace 1863" Nickel. Size 12.
288. Same in copper. Size 12.
289. Same as 166, but in copper. Size 12.
290. " 171 " " " 12.
291. " 173 " " " 12.
292. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* same as 281. Copper. Size 12.
293. Same as 176, but in nickel. Size 12.
294. *Ob.* same as obv. of 176. *Rev.* same as rev. of 275. Copper. Size 12.
295. *Ob.* same. *Rev.* same as rev. of 278. White metal. Size 12.
296. Same as 183, but in silver. Size 12.
297. Same, but in bronze. Size 12.

ORIGIN OF THE NAME DOLLAR.

THE article on the Dollar Mark in the October number, has induced a correspondent to send us the following newspaper cutting: —

THE Emperor Sigismund granted to Jasper Schlick the rank of Count and the right to coin money in 1432, on account of the rich silver mines discovered on his estates of Michelsberg and Joachimsthal. Jasper died without issue, and his brother Matthew continued in possession of the same rights with his three sons, one of whom, Jasper Schlaekenwerth, had four sons, Stephen, Jerome, Henry, and Lawrence, who on finding the richness of the silver mines to increase, began to coin in 1517, larger pieces of money, called Joachimsthaler Gueldengroschen, (literally Gildengroth, issued from the valley of St. Joachim.) In the course of time the people found the name too long, and at first the name of Gueldengroschen was left out, then that of the saint: finally, the pieces of one ounce or nearly so, were simply called *Thaler*, (from valley.) As early as in 1551, the name *thaler* is to be found alone in the regulations on coinage of the Emperor Ferdinand I.

As the piece of Count Schlick, struck in 1517, is the origin of the 'Almighty Dollar,' it will not be out of place to describe it in full, and even to blazon it, or explain its armorial bearings.

Obverse. LVDOVICVS PRIM*us* D*ei* GRACIA—REX : BO : *hemia*. The crowned Bohemian lion from the left hand side.

Reverse. —AR*ma* DOMI*norum* SLI*chiorum* STE*phani* Z FRA*trum* CO*mitum* D*e* BA*san*. St. Joachim in full stature, his head covered and in his right hand